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June 16, 2006

Mr. Donald Silawsky
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Petroleum Reserves (FE-47)
1000 Independence Ave. SW
Washington DC 20585-0301

REF: Proposal to expand Strategic Petroleum Reserve to authorized capacity

Dear Mr. Silawsky:

We have received your letter notifying the ACHP that the Department of Energy proposes to enter into a Programmatic Agreement to address potential adverse effects from the referenced undertaking, and inviting us to participate in the consultation process. In accordance with 36 CFR 800.6(a)(1) of the Council's regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties," the Council has applied the *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases* (Appendix A) and believes these are met. As required by Section 800.6(a)(1)(iii) of our regulations, we have notified the Secretary of Energy of our decision to participate in the consultation process, and its basis.

We look forward to consulting with you, the State Historic Preservation Officers of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, and other parties who have expressed an interest in resolving effects to historic properties that will result from expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Dr. Tom McCulloch at [redacted] or via e-mail at [redacted]

Sincerely,

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Honorable Samuel Bodman
Secretary
Department of Energy
1100 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington DC, 20585

Dear Secretary Bodman:

We have received documentation from the Department of Energy's Office of Petroleum Reserves of its intention to expand the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to its authorized capacity, and develop a Programmatic Agreement to identify, evaluate, and resolve effects to historic properties resulting from this expansion.

We are notifying you that the ACHP will participate in consultation pursuant to Section 800.6(a)(1)(iii) of its regulations ("Protection of Historic Properties," 36 CFR Part 800) with the Department of Energy, the State Historic Preservation Officers of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, and other parties to ensure that historic properties are fully considered as this important project goes forward.

A copy of our letter to Mr. Donald Silawsky, Office of Petroleum Reserves, notifying him of our intention to participate in consultation is enclosed. If you or your staff have questions, do not hesitate to call me at

Sincerely,
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Enclosure